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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

SRV OFFICIALS PRIVATELY TELL US OIL CO OFFICIALS THAT IF RECONCILIATION TERMS REACHED W/USG, APPLICATIONS TO DEVELOP OFFSHORE OIL RESERVES WILL BE APPROVED W/IN WK, ACCORDING NEWSWEEK MAG (WP).

ANDELMAN (NYT BANGKOK 5/15) REPORTS SRV/LAOS/THAILAND AGREE RESUME DEVELOPMENT WATER RESOURCES OF MEKONG BASIN. CAMBODIA HAS NOT REPLIED TO INVITATIONS REJOIN MEKONG RIVER
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DEV PROJ, CONSIDERED UNLIKELY DO SO IN NEAR FUTURE, SO HYDRO PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE PP PARTICIPATION CANNOT BE UNDERTAKEN FOR PRESENT. ADDS THAT US HAS W/DRAWN FROM PARTICIPATION MEKONG COMMISSION PROJS, DUE AID TO SRV QUESTION. -

2. MALAYSIA

PRES 5/13 NOMINATED EA'S ROBT MILLER TO BE AMB TO GOM (REUTER 5/13, WP 5/14).

3. PHILIPPINES

WP 5/14 ITEM NOTES MARCOS ORDER THAT TRINIDAD HERRERA BE FREED, 2 DAYS AFTER FIRST STORY OF HER IMPRISONMENT APPEARED IN US PRESS AND DAY AFTER DOS ANNOUNCED IT HAD EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN TO GOP; SAYS RELEASE CAME APPARENTLY AS RESULT OF US INTEREST IN CASE (WP 5/14).

NYT'S VILLADOLID (MANILA) CITES NEWLY COMPLETED ADB SURVEY FINDING THAT SIGHT OF HUNGER IS GETTING MORE COMMON IN PHILS/MUCH OF SOUTHERN ASIA; 355 MILLION POOR NOW IN REGION, WITH NUMBERS GROWING. SURVEY SHOWS THAT DESPITE SPREAD HIGH YIELDING RICE/WHEAT/CORN VARIETIES, PER CAPITA CEREAL PRODUCTION IN AREA FELL DURING PAST DECADE (5/15).

4. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS BAFFLED DIPLOMATS MONDAY TRYING IDENTIFY MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WHO APPEARED IN OFFICIAL PHOTO WITH HUA/OTHER CHINESE LEADERS. PHOTO, IN SUNDAY "PD", SHOWED HUA/ALMOST ENTIRE POLITBURO AT RECEPTION TO MARK CLOSE OF NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE; IN FAR RIGHT, ANSWERING CROWD'S APPLAUSE BY HIMSELF CLAPPING, WAS MIDDLE-AGED FIGURE OF MEDIUM HEIGHT; PRC OFFICIALS TOLD UNCLASSIFIED

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REUTER THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY HIM. PHONE LINES BUZZED BETW WESTERN EMBASSIES, BUT BY LATE AFTERNOON 5/16 NOBODY APPEARED TO HAVE SOLVED MYSTERY.

CITING FORNMIN SOURCES, AFP (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPANESE AMB TO PRC HEISHIRO OGAWA ORDERED HOME/FORMER JAPANESE ENVOY TO INDONESIA RYOZO SUNOBE PICKED AS HIS SUCCESSOR (WP 5/15).

NYT SPEC (TAIPEI) REPORTS US-ROC OFFICIALS HAVE REACHED PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT CUT DOWN TAIWAN SHOW EXPORTS TO US.

5. KOREA

AUTHORITIES REPORT 2 NKOREAN BOATS ATTACKED SKOREAN SHIP LAST TUES W/AUTO RIFLE/GRENADES AFTER BEING STOPPED IN SKOREAN WATERS. SKOREAN OFFICIAL WHO BOARDED ONE BOAT ABDUCTED; NO REPORT CASUALTIES. SK'S COUNTERESPIONAGE COMMAND SAID BOATS MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING LAND SPIES IN SK (AP WP, NYT, BOTH 5/15).

SK AGREES RESTRICT ANNUAL NON-RUBBER SHOE EXPORTS TO US OVER NEXT 5 YRS TO AMT 12.4 PCT BELOW 76 LEVEL (REUTER SEOUL).

MOON CHURCH LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY SUING BARD COLLEGE, WHERE MOON/11 FOLLOWERS ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING, FOR CIVIL RTS VIOLATIONS/HARASSMENT/FALSE ARREST (NYT 5/14).

UNDER "NEW HEART, NEW DETERMINATION" SIGNS, 1600 DISCIPLINED SKOREAN WORKERS TO COMPLETE 150-MIL-DOL REPAIR DRY DOCK IN BAHRAIN FOR SUPERTANKERS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. EFFICIENCY PAID OFF, AS 20,000 SKOREAN WORKMEN HAVE MOVED INTO SAUDI ARABIA FOR WORK ON MORE THAN 2-BIL-DOLS IN CONTSTRUCTION PROJECTS. NEW CONTRACTS ALSO WON IN BAHRAIN/KUWAIT/QATAR (AP, SUN 5/15).
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6. JAPAN

NORMAN (WSJ) REPORTS US/JAPAN PREPARING ANNOUNCE LATE THIS WK AGREEMENT TO RESTRICT JAPAN'S COLOR TV EXPORTS TO US MARKET FOR 3-YR PERIOD. JAPAN TO HOLD EXPORTS TO LESS THAN 2 MIL UNITS, INCL PARTIALLY ASSEMBLED SETS, UNDER GOJ-ENFORCED "ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT." IN UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT, DOJ ANTITRUST OFFICIALS WILL MEET FRIDAY W/JAPANESE INDUSTRY REPS TO REVIEW COMPLAINTS BY SOME US MFRS THAT JAPAN HAS ENGAGED IN "PREDATORY" PRICING. OFFICIALS MET LAST FRIDAY W/ZENITH REP ON SAME QUESTION IN WAKE CONGRESSIONAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT IMPORTS. PRES MUST DECIDE BY NEXT SATURDAY ON ITC RECOMMENDATION CALLING FOR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS UP TO 5 YRS ON TV IMPORTS FROM JAPAN/OTHER COUNTRIES.

KANSAI ELECTRIC MAY CONSIDER PLAN BUILD CANADIAN-DEVELOPED HEAVY-WATER "CANDU" REACTOR, WHICH USES NATURAL URANIUM AS FUEL/DISPENSES W/PROCESS URANIUM ENRICHMENT. FIRM HAS SENT EXPERTS TO CANADA FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY/CHRMN HAD TALKS W/CANADIAN AMB ABOUT IMPORTING CANDU REACTOR (REUTER TOKYO 5/13).

SEA-LAND SERVICE SIGNS CONTRACT W/MITSUBISHI FOR CONSTRUCTION 4 CONTAINERSHIPS, BUILT TO US STDS AT 50-MIL-DOL TOTAL COST, FOR LINE'S MIDEAST TRADE (SUN, WSJ).

IN NARITA, WP'S SAAR/NYT'S KAMM REPORT ON BATTLE OVER OPENING NEW INTL AIRPORT. SAAR REPORTS 2000 RIOT POLICE GUARD PERIMETERS/ALL APPROACHES; THOSE PERMITTED ENTRY ANNOUNCED/CLEARED. KAMM TALKS W/STUDENT PROTESTOR, WHO SAYS PRINCIPAL REASON FOR OPPOSITION IS FEAR AIRPORT MIGHT BE USED AS MIL BASE BY US/JAPAN. SAYS STUDENT GROUP CONFIRMED DURING VN WAR AT LEAST 200 JAPANESE PLANES CHARTERED BY US TOOK OFF FROM TOKYO'S PRESENT AIRPORT.
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BOTH CARRY AP FOTO RIOT POLICEMEN.

MOSKOWITZ (SF-CHRON 5/7) NOTES AFFLUENT JAPANESE HAVE TURNED INTO VORACIOUS CONSUMERS, APING WESTERN PATTERNS. REVLOX COSMETICS/NABISCO/WHISKEY/TOMATO JUICE SELLING WILDLY/PRODUCE GROWTH RATES UP TO 15 PCT PER YR.

KAMM (KAMISHIMA) REPORTS VIGILANTE CMTE COMPOSED OF FISH-ERMEN HAVE ENTERED EVERY ONE OF TOWN'S 220 HOUSEHOLDS, CONFISCATED EVERY BOX/BOTTLE SYNTHETIC DETERGENT/TOOTH-PASTE/SHAMPOO. GROUP CLAIMS ISLAND'S SURVIVAL, BASED ON FISHING, IN DANGER DUE POLLUTANTS FROM THESE ITEMS. SAYS NO ONE REFUSED THEM ENTRY WHEN ASKED IF THEY COULD BE INVITED IN; NO RESISTENCE IN TURNING OVER DETERGENTS.

7. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS END 6-DAY STRIKE, ALLOWING AIRLINES BEGIN TRANSPORTING UP TO 50,000 PEOPLE STRANDED IN AUSTRALIA/OVERSEAS (WP 5/14).

IN AUSTRALAIN BROADCASTING COMMISSION INTERVIEW 5/13, FORMER CIA AGENT MARCHETTI SAYS AGNCY WANTED "GET RID" GOVT DID NOT LIKE/DID NOT FEEL WAS STABLE/WAS UNCOOPERATIVE, REPLACE IT W/MORE CONSERVATIVE/STABLE GOVT. SAYS CIA'S GOAL WAS OUST WHITLAM/"BRING IN SOMEONE WITH WHOM THEY WERE MUCH CLOSER AND SEE THINGS MORE THEIR WAY" (REUTER SYDNEY 5/13).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (CANBERRA 5/15) REPORTS ON AUSTRALIA'S NEW NO-FAULT DIVORCE LAW. CAME INTO EFFECT LAST YR/ALLOWS COUPLE DIVORCE IF SHOWN THEY HAVE BEEN SEPARATED 1 YR W/O INTENTION CONTINUING MARRIAGE. IN ITS 1ST YR, LAW INCREASED NUMBER DIVORCES, RISING TO 57,839 IN 76 FROM 24,229 IN 75.

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CSM DOES SPECIAL SECTION ON QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SILVER JUBLIEE. ONE ITEM MENTIONS GOA CONTRIBUTED 2 MIL DOLS FOR 5 MIL DOL TRUST FUND DESIGNED BENEFIT YOUNG AUSTRALIANS. FRASER GOVT ALSO GIVING QUEEN SPECIALLY BRED FOAL FOR RACING IN EUROPE.

SECOND ITEM REVIEWS AUSTRALIA'S POL SYSTEM, MARKED TODAY BY FLOURISHING REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT. MENTIONS WHITLAM GOVT'S EFFORT MOVE FAR AWAY FROM UK CULTURE/TRADITION, FRASER'S REVERSION TO IT (MILLAR).

NZ SEEKING RAISE 2 SEPARATE LOANS WORTH US30.8 MIL DOLS ON EUROBOND MARKET TO MAKE CAPITAL AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPING

INDUSTRY (JOC).

8. MICRONESIA

FRONT-PG OBERDORFER ARTICLE (WP) REPORTS CARTER ADMIN HAS DECIDED SEEK EXPEDITED NEGOTS/WILLING CONTEMPLATE EARLY INDEPENDENCE MICRONESIA. NSA/DOS/DOD/DOJ/INTERIOR/COMMERCE OFFICIALS FLYING HONOLULU FOR "ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS" BEGINNING WEDNESDAY TO PRESENT US POSITION TO ISLANDS' POL LEADERS. US STILL PREFERS MICRONESIA PLACING FON AFFAIRS IN US HANDS, THO FULL INDEPENDENCE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE OPTION SHOULD ISLANDERS DESIRE IT. DOS OFFICIALS BELIEVE STRONG US TREATY TIES/OTHER CLOSE RELATIONS WOULD BE LIKELY IF MICONESIANS OPT FOR INDEPENDENCE. USCG/OTHER MIL SUPPORT NECESSARY TO PROTECT/PATROL MICRONESIAN WATERS. US BELIEVED READY SET TARGET DATE IN EARLY 1980S FOR DISSOLUTION TRUSTEESHIP.

9. NUCLEAR POLICY

HOPING AVERT PROLIFERATION NUKE ARMS, PRES CARTER INVITES 24 KEY NATIONS HELP REAPPRAISE DEVELOPMENT NUKE ENERGY IN ALL ASPECTS (AP, WSTAR 5/15).
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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

PHINQ FINDS CONGRESSIONAL "OARS" ROILING NEGOTIATING WATERS IN 2 INSTANCES: SEN MCGOVERN'S EFFORT PARTIALLY LIFT US TRADE BAN VS CUBA; REP ASHBROOK'S AMENDMENT FOR-BIDDING DOS NEGOTIATE REPARATIONS/AID/OTHER FORM PAYMENT TO SRV, AS WELL AS TRADE. CONCLUDES CONGRESS SHOULD ENCOURAGE ADMIN IN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, NOT TRY OBSTRUCT THEM.
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WM BUCKLEY (WSTAR 5/13) REVIEWS HISTORICAL RELS BETW WINNERS/LOSERS IN WARS. RE US/SRV PARIS MTG, FINDS NO DEFIANCE ON US PART/NO MAGNANIMITY ON SRV'S.AGrees W/HAK THAT "ABSURD" FOR SRV CLAIM HAS RIGHT TO ECON HELP. WON-DERS HOW US CAN MAINTAIN DIGNITY AS PROCEED DEAL W/SRV AS IF WAR DIDN'T REALLY MATTER.

WSTAR (5/14) REVIEWS REFUGEE ACCOUNTS EVENTS IN CAMBODIA SINCE PRESENT REGIME TOOK OVER. NOTES CONSENSUS THAT COMMUNISM THERE MOST EXTREME IN ASIA, W/PRESUMED LEADER KHIEU SAMPHAN'S IDEAS OF "SOCIAL PURIFICATION" PUT INTO EFFECT THRU MASS EXECUTIONS. MENTIONS ANTI-URBAN TREND/LOW FOOD PRODUCTION/HEALTH PROBLEMS. COMPARES SYSTEMS IN SRV/LAOS. CONCLUDES IF HUMANE COMMUNISM POSSIBLE, SEA NOT PLACE LOOK FOR IT. ADDS IF US SINCERE IN CONCERN FOR

HUMAN RTS, SHOULD HOLD ON TO FUNDS WHEN ASKED HELP
CONSOLIDATE ITS POWER.

STORIN (GLOBE 5/13) NOTES ERRORS IN LACOUTURE'S REVIEW OF
PONCHAUD'S "CAMBODGE ANNEE ZERO." QUOTES LACOUTURE THAT
ERRORS MADE IN DETAIL, NOT ON "FUNDAMENTAL AGRUMENT," IN
DESCRIPTION POSTWAR DEATHS/REGIME MAINTAINING ORDER W/
GUNS/CLUBS. -

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11. KOREA

SAFIRE (NYT) DISCUSSES "INITIAL WORKING PAPER ON POLITICAL
STRATEGY," PREPARED BY POLLSTER PARTICK CADDELL AT
CARTER'S REQUEST LAST DEC. NOTES CADDELL ADVISED FUTURE
PRES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO OPEN UP GOVT/DECLASSIFY
MATERIALS, "IMPORTANT GIVEN THE KCIA AFFAIR." CADDELL
ALSO CAUTIONED CARTER, "KCIA INVESTIGATION MAY EMBARRASS
MANY DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN. WE CAN'T GO ON THE
DEFENSIVE; ANTI-WASHINGTON AND ETHICS RHETORIC MUST BE
READY."

LAT (5/13) ADMIRES NY FRESHMAN REP CAPUTO'S PROBITY IN
PROPOSING ETHICS CMTE MEMBERS REVEAL UNDER OATH WHETHER
THEY HAD RECEIVED ANY GIFTS WORTH OVER 25 DOLS FROM ANY
SKOREANS. NOTES CAPUTO FACED W/OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION,
AND PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN. SAYS CMTE'S REFUSAL DOES NOT
MEAN MEMBERS HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE; BUT NEITHER DOES IT
ENCOURAGE VIEW CMTE PREPARED "LET EVERYTHING HANG OUT."
CHRMN FLYNT SAYS CMTE DOING FINE JOB DESPITE COMPLAINTS;
LAT SAYS "WE NOTE THAT FOR THE RECORD, WHILE WE AWAIT
THE RECORD THAT THE COMMITTEE ITSELF IS YET TO WRITE."

12. PHILIPPINES

SUN'S TREWHITT (5/14) SEES RELEASE OF HERRERA/MONDALE'S
PREPARING MAKE STERN HUMAN RIGHTS APPEAL TO S AFRICA AS
2 UNRELATED DEVELOPMENTS WITH ONE THING IN COMMON:
REPRESENT CONCRETE APPLICATIONS OF CARTER'S BLENDING
HUMAN RIGHTS INTO FONPOLICY. TREWHITT SAYS US OFFICIALS
CONCEDE PRIVATELY THERE IS NO DOUBT US INTERVENTION
BROUGHT ABOUT HERRERA'S FREEDOM; SEES EPISODE ILLUSTRATING
"AMBIVALENCE" IN US-PHILS RELS.

BRADSHER (WSTAR 5/13), LIKE TREWHITT, CITES "UNUSUAL
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SEQUENCE"/"UNUSUAL ROLE" OF AMEMBASSY MANILA ACTING AS
OMBUDSMAN FOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT GOP, WITH VISIT 2 EMBASSY
OFFICERS TO HERRERA IN PRISON. SAYS THIS SHOWS "UNUSUAL

NATURE" OF US/PHILS RELS, AND HIGHLIGHTS WAY OTHER COUNTRIES WITH CLOSE US CONNECTIONS, NOW DEPENDENT UPON US MIL POWER, RESIST EXPRESSIONS OF US CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

13. CHINA

WP (OSNOS), NYT/WSTAR (WREN) AND AP (SUN) REPORT 5/14 2,500-WORD "PRAVDA" AUTHORITATIVE PIECE ATTACKING PRC; OPINE ARTICLE MOVES SINO-SOV RELS BACK TO LOW POINT JUST BEFORE MAO DEATH.

FROM MOSCOW, OSNOS SAYS SITUATION SEEMS WORSE THAN BEFORE/ VITUPERATION HARSHER/HUA ATTACKED BY NAME. OPINES TIMING APPEARS UNCONNECTED W/ANY PARTICULAR EVENT/CITES SPECULATION ONE DIPL THAT SOVS MIGHT BE SIGNALLING US THEY REGARD SINO-US DETENTE AS DIRECT THREAT TO THEIR SECURITY.

ALSO FROM MOSCOW, WREN HIGHLIGHTS SOV CHARGE PEKING PREPARING FOR WAR AGAINST WEST, INCLUDING SOVS/PRAVDA WARNING AGAINST WEST MIL AID TO PRC. CITES DIPL VIEW ARTICLE CONSTITUTES ADMISSION KREMLIN UNABLE MAKE PROGRESS W/NEW PRC LEADERSHIP/SAYS TIMING SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW GENEVA SALT TALKS DUE RESUME. AP STORY ALSO HIGHLIGHTS ARTICLE AS WARNING TO WEST ABOUT SUPPORTING MAOIST MIL PREPARATIONS.

IN CSM SPEC (TOKYO) THARP (5/16) SAYS TOKYO-PEKING PEACE PACT IN WORKS. REPORTS SOURCES CLOSE TO FUKUDA SAY HE'S "DEFINITELY CONSIDERING" PRC TRIP, PROBABLY AFTER AUGUST ASEAN MEETING. ADDS BOLD MOVE TOWARD PRC OPPOSED BY CERTAIN GOJ FORNMIN FACTIONS CONCERNED ABOUT RELS W/SOVS, WHO ALSO WANT CONCLUDE PEACE TREATY W/TOKYO.
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THARP SAYS JAPAN'S "EQUIDISTANT" BALANCING ACT VIA PRC/ SOVS DETERIORATED RAPIDLY RECENT WEEKS TOWARD SOVS WITH TALKS RE NEW FISHING AGREEMENT/DISPUTED ISLANDS. ALSO NOTES RECENT HOGEN VISIT PRC/TENG YING-CHAO TALKS W/JAPAN DEL/HATOYAMA PLAN FOR VISIT.

NYDN'S WIEGHART SAYS HARSH SOV BLAST AT PRC CAUSE REJOICING/CONCERN AMONG WASHINGTON POLICY MAKERS--BEST EVIDENCE KREMLIN/PEKING HAVEN'T PATCHED DIFFERENCES W/ PRAVDA OUTBURST MARKING END SOV OVERTURES/SIGNALS RESUMPTION IDEOL STRUGGLE. FEELS THIS GOOD FOR US WHICH DOESN'T WANT SEE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN TWO, BUT NEITHER DOES US WANT SEE ESTRANGEMENT DEGENERATE INTO SHOOTING WAR. SAYS SOV EXPERTS CONCERNED WITH SHRILL TONE ARTICLE.

WIEGHART SAYS TENDENCY IN WEST TO VIEW THIS AS MORE SOV RHETORIC; NOT GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD IN WEST--BUT WELL

APPRECIATED BY INTEL EXPERTS--IS PRECARIOUS NATURE SOV HOLDINGS. SAYS IN US INTEREST KEEP PRC OUT OF SOV ORBIT/ PREVENT PEKING'S DIFFERENCES W/MOSCOW FROM DEVELOPING INTO MIL CONFRONTATION THAT COULD SPREAD INTO GLOBAL CONFLICT.

COMMENTING ON NIXON-FROST INTERVIEWS, HARVARD PROF ADAM ULAM WRITES IN GLOBE (5/14) THAT NIXON'S CLAIM OF HAVING EFFECTED MAJOR TURN IN WORLD POLITICS VIA DETENTE/ OPENING TO CHINA "SOMEWHAT PREMATURE." ADDS MAIN WORK RESTORING STABILITY WORLD POLITICS LIES AHEAD/"PATHETIC STORY" OF EX-PRES REMINDS US BOLDEST/MOST IMAGINATIVE POLICES ABROAD MUST FALTER IF MAN WHO EXECUTES THEM UNABLE RETAIN RESPECT/TRUST OWN PEOPLE.

IN 1ST OF THREE ARTICLES ON PRC AFTER MAO, WP'S MATHEWS (SHANGHAI) SAYS PRAGMATICS AND IDEOLOGY CLASH IN FACTORIES/NOTES VIEWS OF WORKERS AND THAT OF ONE FOREIGN RESIDENT WHO SAYS THERE'S KIND OF "WPA ATMOSPHERE." UNCLASSIFIED

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ARTICLE ALSO TAKES NOTE OF WHAT APPEARS MORE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE PREVAILING ON CITY STREETS AND INCLUDES MATHEWS' PIXS OF WOMEN WORKERS W/CHILDREN AT SHANGHAI TOOL FACTORY NURSERY (5/15).

2ND MATHEWS' STORY IN SERIES (5/16 PEKING) HIGHLIGHTS EARTHQUAKE SHELTERS WHICH HE SAYS HAVE GIVEN CHINESE MORE SPACE AND ARE SIGN OF SECRET LONGINGS FOR SPACE/ PRIVACY IN NATION OF SOCIALIST TOGETHERNESS. SAYS PRC SECRET DOCUMENT REVEALS GOVT OPERATING AT DEFICIT/HUA ADMIN ORDERED FREEZE ON NEW CONSTRUCTION WHICH CUTS INTO HOUSING. NOTES VIEW FOREIGN RESIDENT THAT CHINESE WILL REMAIN IN SHELTERS LONG AS CAN. PRC OFFICIALS' SENSITIVE ON SUBJECT EARTHQUAKE SHELTERS. CITES VARYING VIEWS ON HOUSING IN PRC AND DESCRIBES VISIT TO WORKERS' APT.

IN ARTICLE FROM CANTON, MATHEWS DESCRIBES INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN STREET FIGHT INCIDENT HE WITNESSED IN CANTON/OPINES CHINESE INSCRUTABLE DESPITE OPENNESS (5/15).

FORMER HARVARD U PROF ZUCKERMAN WRITES IN GLOBE (5/15) OF HIS JOGGING IN PRC, TRIPS AROUND PEKING WITH STUDENT COUSIN, AND MORE FORMAL BRIEFINGS/VISITS DURING FEB-MAR PRC VISIT BY US CITY PLANNERS UNDER PROGRAM US-CHINA EXCHANGES.

IN NYT, WILLIAM ROBBINES NOTES THAT FOOD EXPERTS ASSERT WHEAT SUPPLIES HAVE ENDED FAMINE FEARS FOR NOW. OBSERVES PEKING RADIO BROADCASTS MAINTAIN CONDITIONS IMPROVING/ IRRIGATED RICE CROP BELIEVED IN GOOD CONDITION.

14. TRADE POLICY

KING (NYT 5/15) LOOKS OVER US TEXTILE INDUSTRY, FINDS BESET
BY IMPORTS/LABOR WOES. NOTES MAJOR SOURCES IMPORTS ARE
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HK/SK/TAIWAN. ROWE (WP) REVIEWS WORK FEDL TASK FORCE
RE IMPORT-HURT AREAS. FINDS HAS IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS BUT
HAS NOT YET COME UP W/MANY PROPOSALS. STATES TRADE-
ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROMPTED BY PROBLEMS SHOE INDUSTRY
THAT CLAIMS UNFAIR COMPETITION, MAINLY FROM SK/TAIWAN/
BRAZIL. CHRISTOPHER

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